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Der Oak
und der Vine.



Sincerely yours,
Chas. Follen Adams

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And ... of ...
... gondered ...



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Berhaps samedimes, dot may be true.

Budt, den dimes budt off rine.

I find me budt dot man himself

Was been der glinging vine

Und when hees friendts dhey all was gone,

Und he vas shust "teed proke."

Dot's when der voman shteps right in.

Und been der shturdy oak.

Shust go oup to der pascball grounds

Und see dhose "sturdy oaks"

all planted roundt un der seats

Shust hear dheir laughs und shokes!

Then see dhose womens at der tubs,

Mit clothes oudt on der lines:

Which vas der sturdy oaks, mine friends,

Und which der glinging vines?



When sickness in der household comes,
Und weeks und weeks id shtays,
Who vas id fighdts id mitoudt resdt,
Dhose veary nighdts und days?
Who beace und gomfort always prings,
Und cools dot fefered prow?
More like id vas der tender vine
Dot oak he glings to now.



"Man vaults butted keedle here below,
Der boet van time said;
Dhere's keedle dat man he *loof* van,
I dink id creans, inshied;
Und when der years keep rolling on,
Dheir cares and droubles pringing,
He vaults to pe der shturdy oak,
Und, also, do der glinging.



They've been caks die? going some where.
I'd find so shiny? gem.
Der glinging vines they're some s...
To help run life's machine.
In hell and sickness, they're the pain.
In calm or stormy weather.
Twas better dot those cats and vines
Should always gling together.

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